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WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE AT CALIFORNIA STREET ON THE SAN BUENAVENTURA STATE BEACH PROJECT (Corps' Project No. 2004-00412-MDC), PACIFIC OCEAN, CITY OF VENTURA, VENTURA COUNTY (File No. 04-008)

Dear Mr. Elatter:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on February 15, 2004.

I hereby issue an order certifying that any discharge from the referenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 303 (Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans), 306 (National Standards of Performance), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Clean Water Act, and with other applicable requirements of State law. This discharge is also regulated under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2003 - 0017 - DWQ, "General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge and Fill Discharges that have received State Water Quality Certification" which requires compliance with all conditions of this Water Quality Certification.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this Certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This Certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this Certification action, please contact Valerie Carrillo, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

_____[Original signed by]_____
Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

April 2, 2004
Date

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Project Information File No. 04-008

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Phone: (213) 897-0686 Fax: (213) 897-2593
3. Project Name: Routine Maintenance of Drainage at California Street on the San Buenaventura State Beach
4. Project Location: San Buenaventura State Beach
City of Ventura, Ventura County

Longitude: 119° 17' 30.48"; Latitude: 34° 16' 33.84"
5. Type of Project: Drainage Maintenance
6. Project Description: *Purpose:*
The purpose of the project is to conduct routine maintenance within a drain located at the San Buenaventura State Beach, near California Street, in Ventura County to prevent flooding of the southbound Route 101. Caltrans, the County of Ventura and the California Highway Patrol have expressed that flooding onto Route 101 at this location is a public safety concern; several vehicle accidents have already occurred at this location due to the flooding.

Description:
The project proposed to move beach sand and rocks from the outlet area of a drainage, in order to remove any obstruction of flow and to prevent flooding on southbound Route 101. The outlet on the beach is approximately 30 feet away from the existing seawall. A front-end loader tractor would be used to remove the material to allow for

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proper drainage. Equipment would enter from the beach parking lot onto an existing pedestrian accessway located within 200 feet south of the proposed outlet.

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| 7. Federal Agency/Permit: | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWP No. 3 (Permit No. 2003-00412-MDC) |
| 8. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: | California Department of Fish and Game
Streambed Alteration Agreement |
| 9. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: | The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction). |
| 10. Receiving Water: | Pacific Ocean (Ventura River) (Hydrologic Unit No. 402.10) |
| 11. Designated Beneficial Uses: | MUN, IND, AGR, GWR, FRSH, REC1, REC2, WARM, COLD, WILD, RARE, MIGR, SPWN, WET |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the United States: | Ocean: 0.004 temporary acres |
| 13. Dredge Volume: | Approximately 12 cubic yards of beach material (sand, rocks) would be moved from the drain outlet. |
| 14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: | The Applicant has not identified any related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years. |

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15. Avoidance/
Minimization
Activities:

The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- No debris, soil, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete washing thereof, asphalt, oil or petroleum products, or any other material that may be harmful to fish or wildlife, that results from any maintenance or associated activity of whatever nature that is conducted by Caltrans or their contractor(s) should be allowed to enter or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into waters of United States;
- When operations are completed, any excess materials or debris should be removed from the work area;
- Any equipment or vehicles driven and /or operated within or adjacent to the channel, stream, or lake should be checked and maintained daily to prevent leaks of materials that if introduced into water could be deleterious to aquatic life;
- Work shall be scheduled outside of the breeding season (March 15 through September 15) in the event that western snowy plover decide to nest in the work area. If work activities are proposed during the breeding season, then a nesting-bird survey should be conducted prior to the start of ground disturbances to determine the absence of nesting birds. In addition, coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game should be conducted to determine the appropriate response;
- The duration of work will be minimized to the shortest amount of time possible;
- The footprint of the work will be minimized to the smallest area possible; and
- All appropriate Caltrans Construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid/minimize any adverse impacts to water quality.

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16. Required
Compensatory
Mitigation:

The Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation to offset impacts associated with this project. The Regional Board will not be requiring mitigation since the project impacts are temporary in nature.

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Conditions of Certification File No. 04-008

STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This Certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.